

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MAINE

THOMAS SHORTILL	)	
	)	
v.	)	CIVIL NO. 2:19-CV-00190-JDL
	)	
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,	)	
et al.,	)	

**PROCEDURAL ORDER SETTING CASE FOR SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

It is hereby **ORDERED**, at the request of counsel, that this matter be set for a settlement conference before Chief Judge Jon D. Levy in Judge Levy's chambers in Portland at 10:00 a.m. on July 31, 2019. It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that counsel appear with their clients at such time and place, fully authorized to accomplish settlement of the case and prepared to engage in effective settlement negotiations.<sup>1</sup> It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that counsel for the parties shall file with the Court, on or before July 24, 2019, a written *in camera* statement, not to exceed 5 pages, setting forth in detail the settlement position of the respective party and stating in concise detail the reasons for each aspect of that settlement position. Such statement shall state a clear and concise rationale in support of that party's settlement position and shall provide the Court with a realistic estimate of anticipated attorney fees and costs in the event of trial to final judgment. The *in camera* statements shall be filed in paper or electronic form (the latter to be e-mailed to [newcases.portland@med.uscourts.gov](mailto:newcases.portland@med.uscourts.gov)) directly with Judge Levy and need not be served upon opposing counsel.

JON D. LEVY  
Chief United States District Judge

Dated: July 10, 2019

By: /s/ Julie W. Rodrigue  
Deputy Clerk

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<sup>1</sup> If a person with authority to settle the case within a reasonably foreseeable range is unable to physically attend the settlement conference, the attorney must contact the judge prior to the conference date and obtain permission to proceed.